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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 05010

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLAB, ILO, BE  
SUBJECT: ILO

REF: A. STATE 102699 B. STATE 104925 C. BRUSSELS 4920

1. THIS MORNING I APPROACHED FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE, PRESENTED THE US POSITION ON THE ILO CONFERENCE, AND GAVE HIM THE SAME AIDE-MEMOIRE I HAD LEFT WITH MINISTER OF LABOR CALIFICE YESTERDAY.

2. VAN ELSLANDE SAID THAT BELGIUM DID NOT WANT THE US TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO AND, THUS, WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE US EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT CONDITIONS THAT WOULD ENABLE THE US TO REMAIN IN THE ILO.

3. HE, LIKE CALIFICE, WAS INCLINED TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNING BOARD ON CLOSING THE BOOK ON THE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL AND AMENDING ARTICLE 17. VAN  
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ELSLANDE WAS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT THE US INSISTENCE ON NOT CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING BOARD WOULD RESULT IN A CONFRONTATION WITH THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HE HOPED THAT THE US WOULD ENTERTAIN A COMPROMISE SOLUTION. I REITERATED OUR ARGUMENTS AGAINST CHANGING THE GOVERNING BOARD AND EMPHASIZED THAT MY INSTRUCTIONS GAVE NO HINT OF

FLEXIBILITY ON THIS POINT. VAN ELSLANDE REPEATED HIS  
DESIRE TO AVOID A FIGHT WITH THE LDCS.

4. NEITHER VAN ELSLANDE NOR CALIFICE RESPONDED TO MY  
STATEMENT THAT THE US WOULD SUPPORT MORRIS AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
GOVERNING BOARD. MY GUESS IS THAT THEY WERE NOT  
FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUE.RENNER

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